

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th
anniversary of the founding of Omega Psi Phi.

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Whereas, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity on November 17th, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and,

Whereas, Omega Psi Phi was the first fraternity founded at a historically black university, established by four men "of the very highest ideals and intellect" who went on to distinguished careers in the arts and sciences; and,

Whereas, the contributions of Omega and its members to the political, artistic and scientific life of this nation are many and invaluable, with a proud history of support for the causes of civil rights and social justice, long-standing partnerships with the United Negro College Fund and the NAACP, and a distinguished roll of former members that includes Langston Hughes, Bill Cosby, Jim Clyburn, Jesse Jackson and Michael Jordan; and,

Whereas, the fraternity is to be recognized particularly for its role in promoting the study of Black History, having established, at the instigation of the "Father of Black History" and former member Carter G. Woodson, an annual "Negro Achievement Week," later expanded and renamed, and continuing today as "Black History Month;" and,

Whereas, the fraternity continues to shape and direct the lives and educations of young black men in its chapters across the United States and throughout the world: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly officially
2 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Omega Psi
3 Phi fraternity, recognizes the many contributions of its members to the
4 life and history of the United States, and expresses its hope that the
5 fraternity in its second century will enjoy as many successes and
6 achievements as in its first.
- 7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the national offices
9 of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity in Georgia, and to the fifteen fraternity
10 chapters at colleges and universities in Indiana.

